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MEDIA RELEASE

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Action taken by Branson Board of Aldermen

Action taken by Branson Board of Aldermen at the October 13, 2015 meeting



Branson Firefighters Jason Bruck and Nathanael Jones were honored as the October Branson Employees of the Month. Both were presented a plaque on behalf of the Board by Alderman Rick Todd. The firefighters were recognized for their work assisting the 75th Army Rangers to grant a “Make a Wish” for cancer survivor Wyatt Cooper. Cooper is a 2015 graduate of Branson High School and is currently a student at College of the Ozarks.



Branson Finance Director Jamie Rouch accepts an award on behalf of the City from the Government Finance Officers Association. Mayor Karen Best presented the plaque for the Finance Department’s Distinguished Government Award, the highest recognition for municipal budgeting.

CONSENT AGENDA - SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE BILLS

Finance: Lease Purchase Financing (Approved at a special open meeting on 10/15/2015)

The Board approved the second reading of a bill approving a lease purchase agreement for a new fire engine. US Banks proposal resulted in the lowest cost of five qualified bidders with a rate of 1.723% for a five year lease.

Fire: New Fire Engine (Approved at a special open meeting on 10/15/2015)

The Board approved the second reading of a bill approving the purchase of a new KME Fire Engine from Jon's Mid-America Fire Apparatus. This new rescue-engine will be designed to focus on firefighter safety, current staffing levels, and will increase the fire department's rescue capabilities. The purchase price of this new engine is \$605,747.

P & Z: Annexation of Property at 1194 Bird Road

The Board approved the second reading of a bill approving annexation of property located at 1194 Bird Road. The property is contiguous with existing city limits.

Utilities: System Connection Charges

The Board approved the second reading of a bill approving a new System Connection Charge Process. This process allows new customers and developments connecting to the City's water and sewer system to pay an equitable, balanced and consistent connection charge based on operating capacity of their water meter. The new connection charges will become effective January 1, 2016.

Utilities: Pre-annexation agreement for 325 Mesquite Drive

The Board approved the second reading of a bill approving a pre-annexation agreement with Asher Holdings, LLC who owns property at 325 Mesquite Drive in the Horizon Hills Subdivision. The owner proposes construction of a new single-family home on the property and desires City sewer services.

Utilities: Replacement Pumps

The Board approved the second reading of a bill pertaining to the purchase of replacement pumps for Lift Station 38 and the Compton Drive Lift Station. The pumps will be purchased from JCI Industries for \$6,079 each.

Engineering: Recycling Contract with Greenway Recycling

The Board approved the second reading of a bill approving a contract renewal with Greenway Recycling pertaining to the transport and marketing of recyclable materials from the Branson Recycle Center.

Engineering: Highway 76 Promenade Design at 1420 West State Highway 76

The Board approved the second reading of a bill approving a Memorandum of Understanding for the design and construction of the Highway 76 Promenade with Summer Bay Partnership located at 1420 W. State Highway 76. This MOU provides a new access for customers at the Crown Club Inn to the Fall Creek and Highway 76 intersection at the City's Lakeside Forest Wilderness Area with the applicant working in a cooperative effort to make improvements to the entrance to the City Park.

Engineering: Complete Streets Project – Labor and Materials Reimbursement

The Board approved the second reading of a bill approving a labor and materials reimbursement agreement between Fogle Enterprises, Inc., and the City relating to the 76 Country Boulevard Complete Streets Project. The estimated cost of this work is \$530,000 and will be completed near the new CiCi's Restaurant.

Parks: New Concrete Pads for Campers at the City Campground

The Board approved the second reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Table Rock Asphalt Construction Company, Inc., pertaining to the concrete pads at the City Campground. The proposal provides funding for 20 new concrete pads for recreational vehicles, completing a five year plan of upgrading the campground sites from a gravel base to concrete. The contract amount is \$24,244.00.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS (1st Readings and public hearings)**Vacation of a Slope Easement**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving the vacation of a slope easement. This slope easement is proposed adjacent to the west side of Fall Creek Road, north of Highway 76 as part of the new Fritz's Project at the intersection.

Discussion regarding the Sign Code

The Board heard from Gina Brandt speaking on behalf of several Branson area churches regarding the challenges presented regarding sign restrictions for special events hosted by the churches. Pastor Stacy Williams with the Branson United Methodist Church and Father Rick Jones from Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church also addressed the Board on this topic.

Convention Center Presentation

Marc Mulherin presented a report on the third quarter of 2015 on the activity of the Branson Convention Center. Mr. Mulherin covered topics including the budget compared to revenue (above expectations) and expenses (below budget), attendance by various conventions. He also shared high customer service ratings for reservations, to customer service and food preparation.

Finance: Disposition of Surplus Property

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the disposition of surplus property.

Parks: Parks User Fees

The Board approved a resolution adopting park user fees for the Parks and Recreation Department. Fee adjustments are being recommended in the following areas: youth soccer, youth baseball, swim team, and campground site fees.

Parks: Vending Services

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the renewal of a contract with Ozarks Coca-Cola / Dr. Pepper Bottling Company for Vending Services. This contract is for the resale of Coke products in the concession stands.

Parks: Campground Coin Operated Laundry

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the renewal of the contract with John Morris Equipment Company for furnishing and maintaining coin-operated laundry equipment in the City Campground.

Parks: Mowing and Weed Eating for City of Branson Properties

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Prolawn & Landscape LLC pertaining to mowing and weed eating for the City of Branson.

Parks: Trash Removal and Disposal Services

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of WCA Waste Corporation pertaining to trash removal and disposal services. This is for seven sites including City Hall and Parks Facilities.

Parks: Agriculture Supplies for Parks Facilities

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of BWI of Springfield pertaining to the purchase of agriculture supplies. This includes supplies such as grass seed and fertilizer.

Parks: Concession Supplies for Parks Facilities

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Reinhart Food Service pertaining to the purchase of concession supplies used in Park Facilities. These are items for resale in the concession stands.

Planning: Adoption of ICC Codes and Local Amendments

The Board approved the first reading of a bill amending Chapter 22, Buildings and Building Regulations, Articles I through IX, Sections 22-1 through 22-217 of the Branson Municipal Code and adopting the 2015 International Building Code, 2015 International Existing Building Code, 2014 National Electrical Code, 2006 International Electrical Code Administrative Provisions, 2015 International Mechanical Code, 2015 International Residential Code, 2015 International Plumbing Code, 2015 International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, and 2015 International Fuel Gas Code.

Fire: Adoption of 2015 International Fire Code and Local Amendments

The Board approved the first reading of a bill amending Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-61 and Section 38-62 of the Branson Municipal Code and adopting the 2015 International Fire Code. The codes are similar with one particular change in the local amendments focused on safety when utilizing tents as temporary structures.

Fire: Outdoor Warning Siren Replacement

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Outdoor Warning Consulting, LLC., for the replacement of two outdoor warning sirens that were destroyed by lightning.

Engineering: Speed Limit Changes

The Board approved the first reading of a bill amending Section 86-622 of the Branson Municipal Code pertaining to Schedule II: Speed limits. Speed limit changes will be made on portions of Gretna Road and Fall Creek Road.

Engineering: Street Vacation

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving a street vacation for a portion of Judy Street. The vacation is from the east side of the Presley Theater to Francis Streets and will assist with the design of the Spirit of 76 Project.

Engineering: Contract Renewal for Employee Uniforms, Mats, and Shop Towels

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the renewal of the contract with Cintas Corporation pertaining to the rental of uniforms, mats and shop towels for the City's Public Works, Parks and Utilities Departments.

Engineering: Glass Recycling

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the agreement between the City of Branson, Taney County, and Ripple Glass, LLC. Over 150 tons of glass has been recycled to date in 2015.

Engineering: Household Chemical Transport and Disposal

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the renewal of the contract with Tradebe Treatment and Recycling, LLC pertaining to the transport and disposal of household chemical collections. This is a shared program with Taney County, Forsyth and Hollister.

Engineering: Complete Streets Project

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving contract Amendment No. 3 to the agreement for professional consultant services between the City of Branson and CFS Engineers, P.A. for the Highway 76 Complete Street Project. This contract is focused on communications with the public regarding the Spirit of 76 project including the use of social media and the Branson Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Bureau.

Public Works: Electrical Maintenance Contract

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Bill's Electric, Inc. pertaining to the electrical maintenance and repairs at various city buildings. This contract covers electric maintenance and repairs for 2016 with three additional renewal years available.

Public Works: Salt Barn Project

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving a Change Order with A.T. Urban Development, Inc. pertaining to the Salt Barn Storage Facility Walls Project. The change order is for curb and gutter work at the project.

Utilities: Biosolids and Wastewater Analysis

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of PDC Laboratories for Biosolids and Wastewater Analysis for the City's Wastewater Treatment Facilities. This analysis is for water samples and quality control analysis for the wastewater.

Utilities: Wastewater Treatment Chemicals

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Nichem Company for the purchase of activated carbon utilized for odor control at the City's Wastewater Treatment Facilities. Contract amount is for \$21,000.

Human Resources: Employee Health Insurance

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the 2016 Medical Insurance Premiums from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield for the City of Branson. The quote reflects a 5% increase to the City.

Human Resources: Employee Life Insurance

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the 2016 Life & AD&D Insurance Premiums from Anthem Life Insurance Company for the City of Branson. The amount negotiated is a flat rate from the current year.

Human Resources: Employee Dental Insurance

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the 2016 Dental Insurance Premiums from Delta Dental for the City of Branson. The quote reflects a 5% increase to the City.

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